

**APPROVED 02/05/2009**

At 6:05 pm the Board of Selectmen met with Town Counsel John Ryan to review the process for holding the Deliberative Session, including the statutes and procedural matters.

This was a non-meeting in accord with RSA 91-A:2 I (c). Carlson kept notes of the procedural matters for reference.

Town Clerk Lori Holmes, Moderator Bob Rydeen, and Assistant Moderator Michael Rydeen joined the discussion.

Ryan indicated the following:

- The Deliberative Session runs the same way as the Traditional meeting except that the final vote does not take place until March.
- Everything else runs the same way in terms of amending articles and such, to get them into a final form.
- Appropriation articles can be amended to different amounts.
- Line items in the budget can be discussed and reviewed by line item if called for.
- Entire warrant articles cannot be deleted but they could be modified such to become essentially ineffective.
- No purpose can be changed on the warrant.
- Motions to restrict reconsideration are final once made. There is no additional meeting after the Deliberative Session.
- Secret ballots on any amendments can be requested at the time they are discussed. This must be presented to the Moderator in writing at the time the article is discussed.

There was some discussion about how the meeting would run, and Michael Rydeen has prepared a power point projection presentation so the wording of each warrant article can be viewed during discussion. He is also planning to insert amendments so changes can also be viewed by the voting body.

It was noted that to “transact any other business” can be done, but cannot result in any new subject matter being added to the ballot, and can really only be for discussion items. The Town will be recognizing some town officials, likely at the beginning of the meeting.

Selectmen may propose an amendment to the Town Hall renovations warrant article to provide for conditions in the event a grant becomes available.

Bob and Michael Rydeen reviewed the Rules of Order document. With one change, this will be prepared and posted as well as copies available at the meeting. The Warrant, Budget Reports, and Warrant Article Narrative documents will also be available at the meeting.

After this session, Ryan, the Rydeens and Holmes left the meeting.

The Board’s meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Brett Hunter, and Donald Gates Jr; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

Selectmen reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen read the minutes for 22 January 2009. Some typographical corrections were made to the draft. Motion was made by Gates to approve the minutes as amended. Hunter seconded and the vote was approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed the Warrant in preparation for Deliberative Session. Carlson advised that Chief Janvrin is preparing to pursue the three warrant articles for passage, but is not intending to propose floor amendments to the operating budget for the Police Department. He indicated that the Police Department may consider discussion on the floor of the detective car article prior to the Capital Reserve Article.
3. Preparations were made for presentation of the Town Report Appreciation at Deliberative Session.
4. An additional question has arisen due to a proposed change in the final draft of the cable contract regarding timing language in the contract and payment schedule for improvements including the return line. The Selectmen discussed that they had not conceded to changes in the initial schedule of six months for the return line, but the change in the final draft now indicates this will occur in 2011.

Carlson had spoken with Epstein in this regard, and it had apparently been changed because the Town would not have sufficient franchise fees built up to pay for these improvements until 2011. The Selectmen felt this was a substantial change from the agreement previously, and it was decided that Cordes would call Peter Epstein to follow-up again.

At 7:00 pm there were no Department Heads present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Selectmen reviewed the accounts payable manifest \$573,390.52 for current week dated 01/30/09. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Hunter to approve the manifest. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed a corrected payroll manifest \$21,190.40 and accounts payable manifest \$36,731.52 from 01/23/09 (these two corrected manifests void the ones from last week and replace them). Motion was made to approve the corrected manifests by Gates and seconded by Hunter. The vote was unanimously approved.
3. The Board reviewed and signed a formal manifest for the 01/09/09 accounts payable manifest in the amount of \$12,426.33. This manifest had already been approved, the Board needed to sign on the formal manifest now that they are entered in the computer system from the manual processing. Hunter moved to sign this manifest as previously approved. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved.
4. The draft of the February Newsletter was reviewed. The Board felt it would be good to include the updates to the warrant from Deliberative Session, this will be completed after the meeting. The Voter Guide document will be added as the next update. The information on candidates declared for office will also be updated for any additional who sign up by the 5:00 pm deadline on Friday.
5. Land Use Change Tax                      Thomas & Arlene Taudel                      226 Beede Hill Road  
Parcel 03-057 to remove 0.75 acres of backland no longer eligible due to construction of an outbuilding.  
There is a \$880 tax due. Selectmen reviewed and signed the form and forwarded it to the Tax Collector.

At 7:10 pm Selectmen entered non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) to discuss a tax abatement hardship matter on a motion from Hunter and second from Gates.

At 7:15 pm Gates moved to return to public session. No decisions were made. Carlson is to get more information on this particular matter.

6. The Budget Committee has scheduled an additional meeting on Monday February 2, 2009 to work on the school budget. They also meet next Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup>; in preparation for the School District Public Budget Hearing.

7. Selectmen reviewed a letter from TRM (Tower Resource Management) regarding telecommunications towers. Carlson was directed to get more information and send to TRM, the Town's Ordinance on communication towers.

8. Pat deBeer would like to be considered for an appointment to ERLAC. She has dropped off the information sheet and an appointment form. Selectmen were pleased to see this interest and Gates moved to appoint Pat deBeer to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

9. Selectmen reviewed the abatement request processed for Matthew & Jessica Jakubowski at 141 Tuck Drive for value reduction of \$6,200 based on an inspection and some physical data error corrected. The Assessor recommends this value reduction to \$378,300. Hunter moved to accept the Assessor's recommendation and grant the abatement. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

The Deliberative Session will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday January 31, 2009 at Ellis School.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday February 5, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson  
Town Administrator